IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the specification as follows:

Pursuant to 37 CFS § 1.121(b)(1)(iii), a marked up copy of the each paragraph amended below appears on the page immediately following each amendment.

Please delete the paragraph that begins on page 1, line 19 and ends on page 1, line 21 and insert the following paragraph therefor:

It would be desirable for a remote computer system to include a measure of reliability regarding its ability to boot. Therefore, what is needed is a system and method for providing a fault-resilient boot.

Please delete the paragraph that begins on page 5, line 4 and ends on page 5, line 20 and insert the following paragraph therefor:

Preboot image 110b causes the state indicated by the status indication to be detected. In response to the state being an unknown state or a local boot successful state, preboot image 110b assumes that client system 120 booted successfully using local boot image 134 on a previous boot attempt. Accordingly, preboot image 110b causes the state of the status indication to be set to the local boot attempt state and causes control of client system 120 to be returned to the system firmware. The system firmware causes client system 120 to attempt to boot using local boot image 134. If client system 120 boots successfully using local boot image 134, then instructions in local boot image 134 cause the state of the status indication to be changed to the local boot successful state. If client system 120 does not boot successfully using local boot image 134, then local boot image 134 does

not cause the state of the status indication to be changed, i.e. the state remains in the local boot attempt state. The next time client system 120 boots, preboot image 110b will either detect the local boot successful state indicating that client system 120 booted successfully using the local boot image on a previous boot attempt, or the local boot attempt state indicating that client system 120 did not boot successfully using the local boot image on a previous boot attempt.

Please delete the paragraph that begins on page 6, line 15 and ends on page 6, line 22 and insert the following paragraph therefor:

Other variations may be made to the embodiment of Fig. 1. For example, the status indication may be stored in a storage location on client system 120 other than non-volatile memory 132 or may be stored externally from client system 120. Also, client system 120 may be a thin client system that does not include one or more components of a traditional computer system or may include other components not shown in Fig. 1. In addition, preboot image 110 may be stored on a portable storage device such as a floppy disk or a CD-ROM before being copied onto server 100.

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